

Indian Health Service Injury Prevention Cooperative Agreements Program

A program to build the capacity of American Indian/Alaska Native Tribes/Tribal Organizations to plan, implement, and evaluate injury prevention interventions

<http://www.ihs.gov/medicalprograms/injuryprevention/>



2000–2005 Project Profile



Pueblo of Jemez

The Pueblo of Jemez is a federally recognized Indian tribe with 3,301 members, most of whom reside in the village known as Walatowa. Jemez Pueblo is one of 19 pueblos in New Mexico and is located 50 miles northwest of Albuquerque, New Mexico in the Jemez Mountains. Website: <http://www.jemezpuablo.org/>

Injury Topics addressed by 2000–2005 Program (in order of intensity):

Seatbelt Safety Fall Prevention
Fire/Burn safety Dog Bite Safety
Bike safety Child Passenger Safety
Alcohol Related Motor Vehicle Crash Safety
Gun safety – unintentional injury
Through classroom education: Water Related,
Pedestrian, and Playground Safety, Poison/choking
Prevention

Injury Prevention Program Staff



Maria Benton, IP Coordinator

Tenure: 1/1/2001 – 8/30/2005

Training: IHS Levels I-III IP Courses, Epi Info, Program Development Fellowship, Tribal Steering Committee Member



Stuart Gachupin, IP Assistant

Training: IHS Level I IP Courses, Epi Info, Child Passenger Safety Technician



Injury Prevention Program Collaborating Partners:

School • Veterinary clinic • Head Start • Emergency Medical Services • Police Department • Tribal Officials • Coalition • Fire Department • Medical Clinic • SAFE KIDS • Local Businesses • Media • Bureau of Indian Affairs • Indian Health Service • Social Service Agencies • State Agencies

Key IP Program Successes/Accomplishments:

Program Activities

Issued 150 infant car seats and 75 child booster seats. The Police Department issued 26 citations for child restraints in FY2005, up from 10 citations in FY 2004.

- Installed 83 smoke alarms, 250 grab bars, and 400 other safety equipment items in elders' homes. Designed the fire evacuation plan for the Jemez Senior Citizen's Center.
- Conducted quarterly observational seat belt surveys with school Children.
- Established the Jemez Injury Prevention and Safety Coalition in 2000.

Additional Funding/Support Obtained to Support IP

- Received IHS Albuquerque Area mini-grants for Child Safety Seats and Prevention of Elder Falls Project.
- IHS Sleep Safe Program. Installed 75 smoke alarms in Head Start children's homes.
- Received a Pedestrian Safety grant from the University of New Mexico Emergency Medical Services.
- Received IHS 2005-2010 TIPCAP funding.

